

**4VAC15-400-20. Watercraft: Accident and Casualty Reporting: Immediate Notification of Reportable Accident.**

**Summary:**

The proposal is to remove the reference to the department's Richmond location, which is no longer accurate, and update with the headquarters reference.

**Proposed language of amendment:**

**4VAC15-400-20. Immediate Notification of Reportable Accident.**

When an accident occurs that requires a written report in accordance with 4VAC15-400-30, the operator shall, without delay, by the quickest means available, notify the department ~~in Richmond, Virginia~~ headquarters, or the most immediately available member of the department, of:

1. The date, time, and exact location of the occurrence;
2. The major details of the accident including the name of each person who died or disappeared;
3. The number and name of the vessel; and
4. The names and addresses of the owner and operator.

When the operator of a vessel cannot give the notice required by the foregoing, each person, on board the vessel shall notify the department or a member of its law-enforcement force, or determine that the notice has been given.

**Rationale:**

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries relocated its headquarters from the location on Broad Street in Richmond to its current location on Villa Park Drive in Henrico in 2015. This update corrects references to the previous office location and replaces it with a headquarters reference.